

Public Comments, Linda Curtis, League of Independent Voters of Texas • 512.657.2089
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Good morning, Judge Klaus and Commissioners.

First, I want to thank Commissioners Carmack and Meuth for attending and participating in the Pacifico Town Hall last Thursday. This is in no way meant to be a critique of those of you not in attendance, as I'm pretty sure the notice to the court was too short for you to issue a quorum notice.

This event was organized by volunteers living near the planned Pacifico gas plant and data centers and was a true citizens Town Hall. LIV was there to simply lend them a hand and we were glad to do it.

It's very important to us that ordinary citizens are beginning to pay attention to what our local government is doing. They are learning first-hand about the challenges you face especially as state leadership and many Texas legislators have continued their quest to limit your already limited powers.

I say this to make plain that – in many ways, despite our disputes about tax abatements -- we are on your side if you let that sink in as younger people like pecan farmer and LIV volunteer, Luke Hayes, will soon be reaching out to you on LIV's on things we hope you will support to make the court more transparent.

LIV supports the Resolution in item 8 and thanks the court. We also support you taking the timely opportunity today to add language calling on TCEQ to deny a minor air quality permit to Pacifico and for a full review via a major air quality permit process. this would allow citizens their right to meaningfully question the Pacifico gas plant's potential risks to air quality.

I believe TCEQ will take note of a local government authority weighing in for full public review.

Your action will also signal to Senator Schwertner that we need more than the letter issued by Rep. Gerdes calling for a TCEQ meeting. I'm sure that the Court is fully aware that a meeting of TCEQ will not stop them from issuing a minor air quality permit.

Thank you for your consideration.